**Vikings Reading Questions Worksheet**

Read the web page below and answer the questions that follow:

[Viking Reading - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-8/year-8-vikings-reading/)

1. Where did the Vikings originate from?
2. What time period is often referred to as the 'Viking Age'?
3. What event marks the beginning of the Viking Age?
4. Why did the Vikings gain a reputation for being greedy and bloodthirsty warriors?
5. What types of communities did Vikings prefer to attack?
6. What is the more accurate use of the word 'Viking'?
7. What other professions could people from Viking cultures have besides being a raider?
8. Why did Vikings begin raiding?
9. What was unique about Viking longships?
10. How were Vikings able to reach North America?
11. When did the Vikings establish a settlement in North America, and what was it called?
12. What factors led to the abandonment of the Viking settlement in North America?
13. When is the end of the Viking Age commonly dated to and why?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you have learnt in your reading, answer the question below in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*How did the Vikings' practices of raiding and expansion influence their reputation in Europe?*